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SUBJ: POSSIBLE SALE OF SIKORSKY S-65 HELICOPTERS TO

SOUTH AFRICAN FIRM

REF: STATE 36427

1. CAPTAIN DAVID E.M. TODD, GENERAL MANAGER, COURT HELICOPTERS HAS DECLINED MAKE APPOINTMENT AT THIS TIME TO DISCUSS PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF SIKORSKY S-65 HELICOPTERS. HE EXPLAINED HIS COMPANY'S INTEREST IN THAT AIRCRAFT HAS BEEN CONFINED THUS FAR TO PERFORMANCE AND TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS AND IT WOULD BE PREMATURE AT THIS STAGE TO DISCUSS OR EXPLORE CONDITIONS OF SALE.

2. CAPTAIN TODD SAID THAT ALTHOUGH HIS COMPANY IS ENTIRELY A CIVIL AVIATION ENTERPRISE, IT IS AWARE IN GENERAL SENSE THAT PURCHASE OF SUCH EQUIPMENT MIGHT REQUIRE GOVERNMENT APPROVAL. HE DECLARED THEREFORE THAT IN EVENT COURT HELICOPTERS DECIDES TO PROCEED FURTHER WITH VIEW TO NEGOTIATING PURCHASE OF S-65S, HE WILL CONTACT CONSULATE GENERAL PROMPTLY TO REVIEW ANY CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO SALE AND LEARN WHAT INFORMATION WOULD BE REQUIRED TO SATISFY U.S. GOVERNMENT. HE DID NOT VOLUNTEER
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ANY INFORMATION ON INVOLVEMENT OR POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT OF COURT

HELICOPTERS IN PERFORMANCE OF SERVICES FOR SAG.

3. IN VIEW OF PARA ONE ABOVE, AND PENDING FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS,
POST HAS NOT DISCUSSED WITH NOR DISCLOSED TO COURT HELICOPTERS
ANY INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REFTEL BEYOND MENTION OF HELICOP-
TER NOMENCLATURE.
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